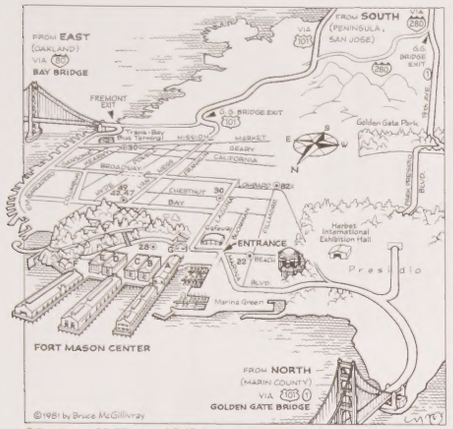


©Bus Stop 22 Fillmore, 28 19th Avenue, 30 Stockton, 42 Downtown Loop 47 Van Ness, 49 Van Ness/Mission, 82x Levi Plaza (limited service)

DIRECTIONS

East Bay Bay Bridge to Fremont Street Exit; on Fremont (100 yards north) take first right on Howard; left on Embarcadero & go 2 miles; left on Bay & go 2 miles; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center.

North Bay Golden Gate Bridge (US 101) to Marina Exit; Marina Blvd (1.5 miles) to Buchanan & turn left into Fort Mason Center.

Peninsula/South Bay US 101 North to 9th St. Exit; 9th across Market & left on Hayes; right on Franklin; left on Bay; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center.

TRANSPORTATION NUMBERS

Bay Area-wide transit information; www.transitinfo.org 817-1717 from any area code
East Bay BART/Bay Area Rapid Transit; www.bart.org (510) 465-2278
North Bay Golden Gate Transit; www.goldengate.org (415) 455-2000
Peninsula/South Bay SamTrans/CalTrain; www.caltrain.com (800) 660-4287
San Francisco MUNI/Municipal Railway; www.ci.sf.ca.us/muni (415) 673-6864

INFORMATION

Recorded Information A recorded message about the current week's activities and events is available by calling (415) 441-3400, ext 3.

Web site www.fortmason.org

Fort Mason Box Office Call (415) 441-FMTS (Fort Mason Ticket Service).

Fort Mason Foundation
Building A, Fort Mason Center
San Francisco, CA 94123-1382

TIME VALUE: December 1, 2000

DATED MATERIAL

san francisco's kaleidoscope of culture

FORT MASON CENTER

New Pickle Circus: Tetrasomia
Diane Wasnak as "Pino." See 12/21
Photo: Margie Holman

www.fortmason.org

DECEMBER 2000

Dec 2000

PLAYWRIGHTS AT THE BORDER

Borders are intended to separate, to cleave one country, culture, or economic system from another. But they also are where two people meet, interact, mingle. Magic Theatre addresses the theme of borders in a new—and in this global era, timely—festival of international plays.

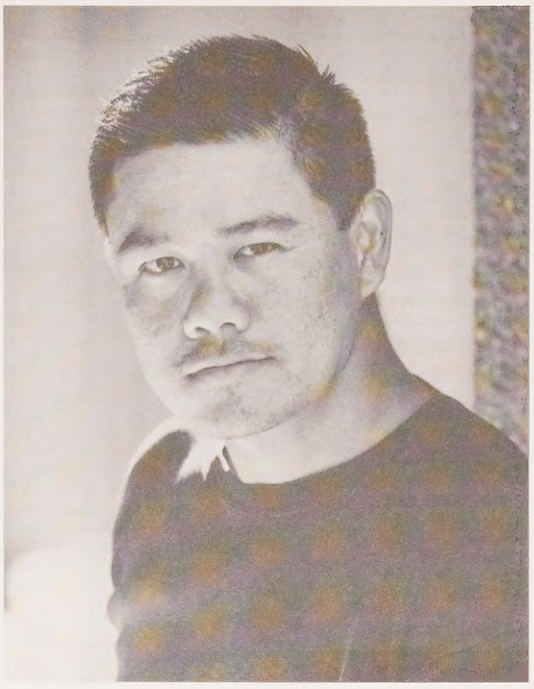
"Plays at the Border" introduces the works of four playwrights to Bay Area audiences, in the form of staged readings and a workshop production. These authors, representing three continents, explore issues of identity, conflict, and cultural fusion faced by an increasing number of people throughout the world.

Wonderland
A Chinese-American man and his Singapore-born wife yearn to live the American Dream in *Wonderland*, Chay Yew's family drama. She longs for the America she knows from the movies; he wants to be a great architect but finds himself designing shopping malls. Meanwhile, their son wrestles with the "Asian-American" identity placed on him by society. Yew's other plays include *A Language of Their Own*, *Red*, and *A Beautiful Country*. *Wonderland* is presented as a staged reading on November 30, Thursday at 8:30pm, and on December 10, Sunday at 7:30pm.

Waiting Room Germany
German playwright Klaus Pohl looks at his reunified country 10 years after the fall of communism in the East. Though a westerner himself, Pohl has long explored his country's fractured past: the title character in his 1991 play *Karate Billy Comes Home/Karate Billi Kehrt Zurück* is a former East German Olympic hopeful who spends several years in a mental institution for wanting to defect to the West. *Waiting Room* is based on interviews with Germans from both sides of the Iron Curtain, as they reflect on the impact of reunification. Workshop productions of *Waiting Room Germany* are held December 1 through 10, Friday and Saturday at 8:30pm, Sunday at 2:30pm.

Arrivals and Departures
Cuban-born Rogelio Martinez tells the story of two brothers who reunite after 20 years. In childhood, Mayito went to New York with his father, while Celin remained in Cuba with their mother and sister. Both are now successful novelists, writing about their Cuban childhood. Their meeting ignites old sibling rivalries and a battle of artistic egos. Martinez, who arrived in the United States during the Mariel boatlift, uses this family reunion to ask who is more "authentically" Cuban, or whether the question even matters. Staged readings of *Arrivals and Departures* take place December 3, Sunday at 7:30pm, and December 7, Thursday at 8:30pm.

The Hungry Woman: A Mexican Medea
Cherríe Moraga last appeared at Magic Theatre during the Festival of Lesbian Playwrights (*Who Killed Yolanda Saldívar?*). In this new play, she imagines a future in which the United States has split along ethnic lines, with a white "Gringolandia" and a Chicano "Aztlán." The story unfolds on the border between the two, and explores the boundaries of geography, ethnicity, and sexuality. *The Hungry Woman: A Mexican Medea* is given a staged reading on December 4, Monday at 8:30pm.



Plays at the Border
Playwright Chay Yew

For three decades, the Magic has been dedicated to presenting the best of new and emerging playwrights. Running through December 17 at Theatre on the Square is a Magic Theatre production of Sam Shepard's newest play, *The Late Henry Moss*. (Shepard got his start at the Magic in the 1970s and '80s.) *Henry Moss* stars Nick Nolte, Sean Penn, Woody Harrelson, and Cheech Marin in the tale of two brothers confronting their past after the death of their father. The play is sold out; a limited number of rush tickets are available at the door on the day of the performance.

Magic Theatre is located in Landmark Building D. For information and tickets to all shows, call (415) 441-8822 or visit www.magictheatre.org.

PICKLES!

The New Pickle Circus and the San Francisco School of Circus Arts team up for "Tetrasomia: Circus of the Elements," a fantastical circus experience for people of all ages. "Tetrasomia" refers to the four elements—Earth, Air, Water, and Fire—as described by the Greek philosopher Empedocles. The performers enact these elements in the show.

With famed Chinese circus director Lu Yi leading the action, an international cast of "nouvelle circus" acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, and contortionists portrays the harmony, beauty, and power of the four elements. Meanwhile, the Pickle's clowns poke fun at mankind's attempts to control these forces of nature.

Featured artists include acrobat Ciao Hong Weng, tumblers Aidan O'Shea and Aimee Hancock, contortionist Alexis Green, aerialists Chris Weiland and Leo Sblendorio, handbalancer Matt White, and Ottavio Canestrelli on the German wheel. Longtime Pickle Diane Wasnak performs as Pino the clown, joined by new partner Rob Rogers.

This year's show marks the reunification of the New Pickle Circus with the San Francisco School of Circus Arts, after eight years of operating separately. A Gala Opening Night celebrates this reunion and helps underwrite free tickets for low-income youth and seniors, battered women, and homeless families. The Gala takes place December 20, Wednesday at 6pm in the Conference Center in Landmark Building A. The performance follows at 7:30pm in the Cowell Theater. Tickets are $75, $50 for children under 12 years of age. For information, call the School at (415) 759-8123.

"Tetrasomia: Circus of the Elements" takes place December 21 through January 1 in the Cowell Theater. Evening performances are held December 21 to 30, daily at 7:30pm, with no shows on December 24 and 25. Matinees are held December 23 to January 1, daily at 2pm, with no shows on December 24, 25, and 28. Tickets are $22, $17 for students and seniors, and $10 for children under 12 years of age. For information, call (415) 392-4400 or visit www.sfcircus.org.

A CELEBRATION OF JEWISH THEATER

A Traveling Jewish Theatre honors one of its founding members with a special birthday tribute featuring performances by a long list of Bay Area artists.

The event celebrates the 70th birthday of Naomi Newman, an internationally recognized playwright, director, performer, dramaturg, and co-artistic director of ATJT. During her long years of dedication to the company, Newman co-authored and directed the group's first three ensemble works (*Coming from a Great Distance*, *The Last Yiddish Poet*, and *A Dance of Exile*), and performed in many more. In collaboration with John O'Neal, she created and performed *Crossing the Broken Bridge*, an examination of relations between the African American and Jewish communities. She is currently preparing to direct two premiere productions: Corey Fisher's Kennedy Award-winning play *See Under: LOVE*, and Laura Simms' *Reconciled in the Book of Secrets.*

Local actors present Newman with various gifts of performance. Appearing on stage are Barbara Borden, Sara Felder, Ronnie Gilbert, John and Nina Malashock, Rhiannon, Nina Wise, and Ruth Zaporah. A Traveling Jewish Theatre Members planning to appear on stage are Corey Fisher, Albert Greenberg, Helen Stolzfus, and new associate artist Aaron Davidman.

The evening is also a fund-raiser for ATJT's Apprentice and Training Program for new actors. This program is dedicated to training young theater professionals in the traditions and techniques of ensemble theater.

"Light Up the Sky: A Celebration of Naomi Newman's 70th" takes place December 7, Thursday at 7:30pm in the Cowell Theater. Admission is $36 to $70. For information, call (415) 399-1809 or visit www.atjt.com.

Naomi Newman

COMEDY 2001

Ring out the old and ring in the new with comedian Will Durst and friends at the "Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off Comedy Show." The event brings together Durst, Bay TV's "The Show" host Johnny Steele, improvisational wizards Debi Durst and Michael Bossier, Ken Sonkin the "Magic Mime," and the irreverent Steve Kravitz, who recently appeared on "Nash Bridges."

Team Durst reviews the big stories and events of 2000, using a hilarious combination of stand-up, skits, sketches, and improv to skewer the past year and make predictions for the next.

Will Durst is host of the "Livelyhood" series on PBS, and a longtime San Francisco comedian, satirist, and social critic known for his defense of the working stiff. Debi Durst and Michael Bossier (better known as "Deb and Mike") have worked together for more than a decade, doing improv and comedy throughout the Bay Area.

Shows take place December 31, Sunday at 7 and 10pm. Admission to the 7pm show is $20; admission to the 10pm show (which will welcome the New Year) is $35. For information, call (415) NO-LUNCH. For tickets, call the Fort Mason Ticket Service at (415) 441-FMTS.

OLD PLAYS FOR NEW ACTORS

Students from the American Conservatory Theater's Master of Fine Arts program present two plays—Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* and George Farquhars' *The Beaux' Stratagem*—at Magic Theatre this month.

The two plays, performed in repertory, are part of the students' education in the theater arts. The works, with their period language and costume, were chosen to challenge the student actors and to highlight their skills for language and humor.

Both plays are comedies of manners written by Irish playwrights using witty and heightened language to explore social and class issues. Wilde's play tells the story of two young men who bend the truth in their romantic pursuits, leading to comic misunderstandings. Similarly, Farquhar's play follows two young men seeking love and money.

This showcase allows the MFA program's third-year students to focus on the performance aspect of their study. Ranked one of the top programs by *U.S. News and World Report*, the A.C.T. Master of Fine Arts was the first theater training degree to receive accreditation without being affiliated with a college or university.

Approximately 55 students are currently participating in the three-year curriculum. The newly extended MFA Program will graduate its second class in May 2001.

American Conservatory Theater also offers short-term training through Studio A.C.T., the Summer Training Congress, and the Young Conservatory.

The Importance of Being Earnest runs December 1 through 15. Showtimes are December 1 and 2, Friday and Saturday at 8pm; December 3 and 10, Sunday at 2pm (plus a 7pm show on December 10); and December 11, 14 and 15, Monday, Thursday and Friday, at 8pm.

The Beaux' Stratagem runs December 8 through 17. Showtimes are December 8 and 9, Friday and Saturday, and December 12 and 13, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8pm; as well as December 16 and 17, Saturday at 2 and 8pm, Sunday at 2 and 7pm.

Magic Theatre is located in Landmark Building D. Tickets are $10, $5 for students, teachers, and seniors, and $8 for A.C.T. subscribers. For information, call (415) 749-2ACT or visit www.act-sfbay.org.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS, PERFORMANCES, AND EVENTS

Peter Pan
Young Performers Theatre stages the children's classic, complete with special holiday performances. December 2 through 17, Saturday and Sunday (also December 18 through 20, Monday through Tuesday) at 1&3:30pm. The Young Performers Theatre is located in Landmark Building C. For information, call (415) 346-5550.

Festa dei Dolci Italiani
The Museo ItaloAmericano's Auxiliary, a group of volunteers who assist during openings, lectures, parties, and celebrations, hosts the annual traditional Italian Christmas celebration. The party features a splendid array of pastries, cakes, candies, cheeses, fine wines, and raffle gifts. The Festa takes place December 1, Friday from 7 to 9pm at the Museo ItaloAmericano in Landmark Building C. For information, call (415) 673-2200.

The Nutcracker
Students from the Bay Area Youth Ballet, the official company of the City Ballet School, perform selections from *The Nutcracker*. The Ballet's mission is to add to San Francisco's cultural vitality through performances and by training the next generation of young dancers. The company's repertory has a strong classical emphasis, but integrates contemporary dance forms as well.

The Bay Area Youth Ballet is an honor company of Regional Dance America. Its graduates have gone on to perform with companies around the world, including American Ballet Theatre and the city ballets of Boston, Miami, Oakland, San Francisco, and Montréal.

The school's program is time-intensive: dancers take classes six days a week, studying technique, pointe, and pas de deux, and attend rehearsals every weekend.

Performances take place December 9 and 10, Saturday at 2 and 8pm, Sunday at 2pm, in the Cowell Theater. Admission is $20. For information, call (415) 626-8878.

Bay Area Youth Ballet

Coastside Habitat Solstice Party
The Coastside Habitat Coalition holds its annual celebration of endangered species and their struggle for survival. Live music, food, and drink honor those in the community who help to protect the Bay Area's native plants and animals. The party takes place December 15, Friday from 6 to 9pm, in the Firehouse. Admission is on a sliding scale, with a suggested $10 donation. For information, call (415) 267-1866.

Sweet and Soulful Christma
Celebrate the Bay Area's rich African American cultural heritage with a Christmas party featuring a champagne buffet, live music, comedy, dancing, and more.

The evening starts with dinner, accompanied by video screenings of event producer DeVoine Entertainment's past events, including the Black Music Month Festival in Golden Gate Park's band shell. The party continues with Polynesian dance by Kayla Carvalho, lip sync superstar Barbara C, Country Western singer Johnny Dollar, cha-cha performances by Terry and Andi Horde, standup comedians Jared Walton and Charlie Sides, plus all kinds of dancing.

Closing out the evening with R&B music is the Victor Sila Revue and the Class Act Band.

The "Sweet and Soulful Christmas Party and Revue" takes place December 15, Friday from 7pm to midnight in the Conference Center, Landmark Building A. Tickets are $35 in advance, $50 at the door. Attendees must be at least 18 years old. For information, call (415) 292-5157 or visit www.DeVoine.com.

Animal People Party
Fund for Animals holds its annual holiday party, featuring potluck vegetarian food and booths from animal rights organizations. Entertainment is provided by Jeff Levin on the piano. Party dogs are welcome.

Fund For Animals works for animal rights throughout the United States. The group is based in New York and has regional offices all over the country; the San Francisco office is located in Landmark Building C.

The Party is held December 17, Sunday from 2 to 6pm in Landmark Building C. Admission is free. For information, call (415) 474-4020.

CELEBRATING CRAFTSWOMEN

The nation's largest juried women's crafts fair returns for the holidays, as 270 artists from around the world converge for two weekends of fine, decorative, and functional art.

Celebration of Craftswomen, now in its 22nd year, is a rich and culturally diverse collection of artists working in every medium imaginable. From ceramics to glass, from fiber to paper, from metal to wood to leather, the selection of original handcrafted work has something for everyone.

Each weekend features a different group of 135 artists, making it worthwhile to stop by more than once. In addition to the art, there is family-style entertainment, gourmet food, a silent auction, and a raffle. The sale is a benefit for the San Francisco Women's Building, an incubator housing many local women's services organizations. The Women's Building serves more than 50,000 clients each year, and is the first community center in the United States to be owned and operated by women for women.

Celebration of Craftswomen takes place December 2 through 10, Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm, in the Herbst Pavilion. Admission is $7, $5 for seniors, and free for children under 12 years of age. A two-day pass costs $10. For information, call (415) 383-3470 or visit www.maremarevents.com/craftswomen.

Enamel Art by Judy Stone

THE PERFECT GIFT

More than a dozen sales of arts, crafts, and antiques provide ample opportunity for holiday shopping, browsing, and finding that perfect gift.

Of the five museums and galleries located at Fort Mason Center, three—the Museum of Craft and Folk Art, Museo ItaloAmericano, and the African American Historical and Cultural Society—have expanded their gift shops to include works of art, books, and other gift items. In addition, MOCFA holds a fund-raising auction of ceramic pieces (see December 3), and the African American museum's annual Christmas/Kwanzaa Sale (see December 16) includes art from the current exhibit. For more information, see the Galleries page.

Another annual tradition is the **CCSF Holiday Exhibition and Sale** (see December 1), a sampling of works by students and faculty. Find the perfect Christmas tree at the **Guardsmen Tree Lot** (see December 1). A portion of the proceeds benefit underprivileged children and youth.

First of the large sales is **Celebration of Craftswomen** (see December 2 and article), an annual event featuring more than 270 women artists from around the country. The end of the month brings the **Bustamante Antiques Show** (see December 29 and article), one of the largest antiques shows on the West Coast.

Hi Ho Silver's **Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale** (see December 1) offers unusual designs from Taxco, Mexico, plus the "Día de los Muertos" etchings of Nicolas de Jesus. **Hand Crafted Jewelry and Accessories** (see December 2) is a sale of locally designed jewelry, hairpins, and silver, plus imported scarves. Other sales include **Women of Craft** (see December 2) and alumni from the **Rhode Island School of Design** (see December 3).

At **ArtVibe** (see December 9), a group of cutting-edge artists sell wearable, functional, and visual art such as precious metal clay jewelry, furniture, textiles, photography, and painting. **Common Sites, Multiple Visions** (see December 9) features landscape paintings and drawings of favorite Bay Area locations.

Rounding out our month of art are the potters of Ruby's Clay Studio. Their **Annual Pottery Sale** (see December 16) features functional and sculptural pieces including teapots, saki sets, fish platters, and animal figures.

OLD AND NEW

New Year's weekend brings a newcomer to Fort Mason Center, the giant Bustamante Antiques Show and Sale. This San Francisco tradition, now in its 22nd year, is one of the country's biggest and most prestigious antiques shows.

Eighty-five dealers exhibit their top-quality wares, ranging from fine art to furniture, porcelain, jewelry, vintage timepieces, bronze and silver, blown glass, folk art, quilts, oriental rugs, and more. Practically every era in history and every corner of the world is represented.

The show is presented by Bustamante Enterprises, the largest producer of quality antiques sales on the West Coast. First held in San Francisco's Brooks Hall in 1978, the show later moved to the Concourse Exhibition Center in 1993, where it had been held through last year. This marks the event's first appearance at Fort Mason Center.

The Bustamante Antiques Show and Sale takes place December 31 through January 1, Friday and Saturday from 11am to 7pm, Sunday and Monday from 11am to 5pm, in the Festival Pavilion. Admission is $6, $3 for seniors, and free for children under 12 years of age. For information, call (209) 358-3134 or visit www.bustamante-shows.com.

FORT MASON CENTER is…

…celebrating the holidays.

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale—see article "The Perfect Gift"

GALLERIES

CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 12/25-1/2/01) Bldg B www.ccsf.org (415) 561-1840
Classes Academic & recreational courses in sculpture, ceramics, drawing, painting, & printmaking. Call for free catalog. Ongoing enrollment for non-credit continuing education classes. See Classes & Workshops page.
Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting by instructors & students at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight (closed 12/25) FREE
Holiday Exhibition & Sale All media are represented: painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, printmaking, mixed media, & textiles. Opening reception 12/1 Fri 6-9pm, 12/2&3 Sat&Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm

The Mexican Museum Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun 11am-5pm $4-$3, children 12 & under FREE (1st Wed/mo 11am-7pm FREE) Bldg D www.mexicanmuseum.org (415) 202-9700
Chicanos En Mictlán: Día De Los Muertos In California This look at the origins & influences of Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead focuses on two major California cultural centers: Self-Help Graphics in Los Angeles & the Galería de la Raza in San Francisco. Included are artwork, historical documents, oral histories, & altar installations. 10/7-12/31

SFMOMA Rental Gallery: Creatures & Critters
"Rickets"
by Jerry Ross Barrish

Museo ItaloAmericano Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-5pm (12/24&31 Sun Noon-3pm) $3-$2, children under 12 FREE (1st Wed/mo Noon-7pm FREE) Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200
Beniamino Bufano: A Retrospective This comprehensive exhibit, culled from various Bay Area museums & private collections, traces the career of Italian-born SF artist Beniamino (Benny) Bufano. 9/12-1/14/01
Life & Form An exhibit of sculptures made by students from different SF Bay Area public & private schools. The works were inspired by a tour of the current Beniamino Bufano retrospective. 12/15-1/4/01
Festa Dei Dolci Italiani The Museo ItaloAmericano celebrates the holidays w/a party featuring a splendid array of cheeses, pastries, cakes, candies, fine wines, & raffle gifts. 12/1 Fri 7-9pm $25
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco at the Museo Gift Shop's holiday sale. Find a treasure trove of Venetian glass, authentic Italian jewelry, pottery, coffee makers, espresso sets, art books & prints, children's book & toys. FREE adm 11/10-12/15

Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Gallery & gift shop Sun&Mon 11am-5pm, Tue-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm $3-$1, $5 families, children under 12 FREE (Sat 10am-Noon & 1st Wed/mo 11am-7pm FREE; closed 1/1-19) Bldg A www.mocfa.org (415) 775-0991
Contemporary Craft Perspectives The Museum holds a holiday exhibition & sale of extraordinary ceramic art, furniture, decorative objects, wood, & fiber. Artists include Michael Cullen, David Marks, Roger Heitzman, Bruce Mitchell, Judith Content, Holly Badgley, Susannah Israel, & many others. 12/2-31
Docent Tours 12/6 Wed & 12/8 Fri 1:30pm, 12/16 Sat 11:30am FREE w/adm
Holiday Gift Shop High-quality items by local craft artists & a wide variety of handcrafted gifts from around the world. Holiday ornaments, dolls, toys, boxes, ceramics, Indian cushions, jewelry, handmade cards, & illustrated adult & children's books. 11/24-12/24
Holiday Fund-raiser An auction of 80 ceramics from noted collector Dixon Long. The objects—American, Japanese, & British pots in various price ranges—may be previewed during museum hours on Saturday & Sunday. 12/3 Sun 5-7pm $50 (may be applied towards purchase)

SF African American Historical & Cultural Society Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-5pm $2-$1, children under 12 FREE (1st Wed/mo Noon-7pm FREE; closed 12/24&31) Bldg C (415) 441-0640
Black Artist Creations 2000 An exhibition of paintings, drawings, & sculpture from Bay Area African American artists: Casper Banjo, Yvonne Browne, Luis Cardenas, Jonathan Eubanks, Rae Louise Hayward, Shahara Godfrey, Renata Gray, Raymond L. Haywood, Corinne H. Innis, David Johnson, Willie O. Johnson, Titus Kapher, Keba Konte, Sálongo Lee, Jeanette Madden, Saida H. Nassirruddin, Leslie Printis, Hilda Robinson, Karen Rogers-Robinson, Karin D. Turner, Shari A. Tyson, & Hershell West. 10/4-12/30
SF African American Historical & Cultural Society Gift Shop Holiday sale of art & handcrafts from around the continent: textiles & masks; baskets, beads & jewelry from East, West, & southern Africa; Shona sculpture from Zimbabwe; dolls from West & South Africa; & carved cutlery from East Africa. 11/24-12/23 FREE adm to Gift Shop, FMC "Friends" 10% off purchases w/ mbrs card
Christmas/Kwanzaa Sale A special sale of African-themed items, as well as many of the pieces on display in "Black Artist: Creations 2000." 12/16 Sat 4-7pm FREE adm

SF Museum Of Modern Art Rental Gallery Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm FREE adm (1st Wed/mo 11:30am-7:30pm; closed 12/22-1/3/01) Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/rental_overview.html (415) 441-4777
Michael Osborne, Matt Phillips, Maurice Lapp, & Carol Summers Monotypes & paintings. 11/1-12/1
Creatures & Critters A holiday exhibition of "wild animals created by wild artists." 12/6-21
Leta Ramos: Portraits Ramos shows portraits of artists from Oakland's Creative Growth Art Center paired w/their art. The Center helps physically & mentally challenged adults find a creative outlet through the visual arts. 12/6-21
Opening Reception "Creatures & Critters" & "Leta Ramos." 12/6 Wed 5:30-7:30pm FREE adm

CONTEMPORARY CRAFT PERSPECTIVES

The Museum of Craft and Folk Art ends the year with a holiday exhibition and sale of extraordinary ceramic pieces made by British and American artists. "Contemporary Craft Perspectives" features eighty ceramic works from the collection of Dixon Long, plus furniture and decorative objects by forty California artists.

The show juxtaposes key historical figures with works from younger artists.

The Dixon Long collection represents a broad spectrum of styles and techniques. Featured artists include Susannah Israel, known for her expressive figurative sculptures, and pioneering ceramic artist James Lovera.

Many other media are represented as well. Among these are fiber art by Judith Content and Holly Badgley, pieces by woodworkers Michael Cullen, David Marks, Roger Heitzman, and Bruce Mitchell, Laurie Marson's delicately sculptured metalwork, and Mark Oldland's fanciful furniture.

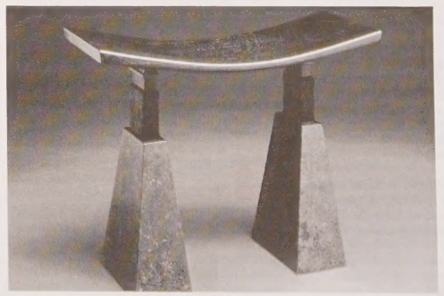
All items are for sale and will be on view for the entire month. Patrons can place silent auction bids during museum hours on December 2 and 3; a live auction takes place on December 3, Sunday from 5 to 7pm. Admission to the auction is $50, applicable towards any purchase made.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the Museum of Craft and Folk Art's innovative exhibitions, educational programs, special events, and publications. The museum is Northern California's only institution focusing on contemporary craft, folk, and tribal arts.

"Contemporary Craft Perspectives" opens December 2 and runs through December 31. The museum's shop offers a complete line of holiday-themed items and gift ideas through December 24. On sale are high-quality works by local craft artists, plus a wide variety of handcrafted items from around the world. Also available are exotic holiday ornaments, dolls, toys, boxes, ceramics, Indian cushions, jewelry, handmade cards, and illustrated adult and children's books. Admission to the gift shop is free.

The Museum of Craft and Folk Art is located in Landmark Building A. During the holiday season (December 1 through 24), the museum's extended hours are Sunday and Monday from 11am to 5pm, Tuesday through Friday from 11am to 6pm, Saturday from 10am to 6pm. Normal hours are Tuesday through Friday and Sunday from 11am to 5pm, Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

Admission to the museum is $3, $2 for students and seniors, and free for children under 12 years of age. On the first Wednesday of each month, all museums at Fort Mason Center stay open until 7pm, and admission is free. For information on the Museum of Craft and Folk Art, call (415) 775-0991.



Sitting Bench
by David Marks

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Events

The Guardsmen Tree Lot see 12/1
Festa Dei Dolci Italiani see 12/1
Celebration Of Craftswomen see 12/2
Golden West Women Flyfishers see 12/2
MOCFA Holiday Fund-raiser see 12/3
First Wednesday At Fort Mason see 12/6
Coastside Habitat Solstice Party see 12/15
Sweet & Soulful Christmas Party see 12/15
Fund For Animals People Party see 12/17
Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale see 12/29
Big Fat Year-End Comedy Show see 12/31

Holiday Shopping

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/1
MOCFA Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy see 12/1
SFAAHCS Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
CCSF Holiday Exhibition & Sale see 12/1
Hand Crafted Jewelry & Accessories see 12/2
Women Of Craft…Out Of Bounds see 12/2
Celebration of Craftswomen see 12/2
RISD Alumni Holiday Arts & Crafts see 12/3
ArtVibe see 12/9
Common Sites, Multiple Visions see 12/9
Christmas/Kwanzaa Sale see 12/16
Annual Pottery Sale see 12/16

Theater

BATS Tournament Of Champions see 12/1
The Importance Of Being Earnest see 12/1
Plays At The Border 12/1
BATS In The Attic: Late Night Series see 12/1
Peter Pan see 12/2
Montage-A-Thon *see 12/2*
BATS: Sunday Players see 12/3
Light Up The Sky see 12/7
BATS: The Belfry Players see 12/7
BATS Backstage Musical see 12/8
The Beaux' Stratagem see 12/8
BATS Hollywood Canteen see 12/9
BATS Improvised Shakespeare see 12/15
New Pickle Circus see 12/21
BATS: Holiday Huzzah! See 12/21
Big Fat Year-End Comedy Show see 12/31

Music/Dance

Nancy Karp + Dancers see 12/1
City Ballet School: Nutcracker see 12/9
Duke Ellington Society see 12/23

Children/Family Activities

Peter Pan see 12/2
City Ballet School: Nutcracker see 12/9
New Pickle Circus see 12/21

Lectures/Readings

Pacific Rim Wine Education Center see 12/5
Art Law Workshops see 12/6
What Makes Bordeaux Great see 12/6
SAIC Day see 12/10
Jump-Start Your Career see 12/12

Meetings

Playwrights Center Of SF see 12/1
Gestalt Therapy: Art & Aesthetics see 12/2
Voices Of Healing Story Circle see 12/4
San Francisco Travelers' Circle see 12/6
Prostate Cancer Support Group see 12/13
Psychic Healing Fair see 12/16
Duke Ellington Society see 12/23

Tours

Museum Of Craft And Folk Art see 12/6
Fort Mason Center see 12/9

Receptions/Openings

SFMOMA Rental Gallery "Creatures & Critters" & "Leta Ramos" see 12/6
Museum of Craft & Folk Art "Contemporary Craft Perspectives" see 12/6
New Pickle Circus see 12/20

FORT MASON CENTER

www.fortmason.org

DECEMBER 2000

FOUNDED IN 1976

1 FRIDAY

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot Sale of Christmas trees & decorations. Fire retarding & delivery are available. All proceeds benefit underprivileged children & youth. 11/24-12/22 daily 9am-9pm Festival Pavilion (415) 561-2700

Book Bay Bookstore Bargain paperback & hardcover books, records & CDs to support programs in SF libraries. 12/1-30 daily 11am-5pm (closed 12/24-26, 12/31-1/2/01) FREE adm Bldg C www.friendsandfoundation.org/bookbaystore.html (415) 771-1076

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale Hi Ho Silver presents the Fall/Winter Collection, direct from Taxco, Mexico. One of the Bay Area's best selections of unusual designs in sterling jewelry, the Collection is full of gift ideas for the holidays. Also for sale are the "Día de los Muertos" etchings of Nicolas de Jesus. 12/1-10 Fri-Sun 10am-3:30pm Bldg A FREE adm www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

Holiday Gift Shop The Museum of Craft & Folk Art showcases high-quality items by local craft artists & a wide variety of handcrafted gifts from around the world (see Galleries page). 11/24-12/24 Sun&Mon 11am-5pm, Tue-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm Museum of Craft & Folk Art Bldg A (415) 775-0991

A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco A holiday sale at the Museo ItaloAmericano's Gift Shop offers a treasure trove of authentic Italian items (see Galleries page). 11/10-12/15 Wed-Sun Noon-5pm FREE adm Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C 673-2000

SF African American Historical & Cultural Society Gift Shop Holiday sale of art & handicrafts from East, West, & South Africa (see Galleries page). 11/24-12/23 Wed-Sun Noon-5:30pm FREE adm to Gift Shop, FMC "Friends" 10% off purchases w/mbrs card Bldg C (415) 441-0640 ●

National Maritime Museum Library (J. Porter *Shaw Maritime Library)* *Premier collection of* maritime history: books, magazines, oral histories, ships' plans & photographs. Orientations by reservation. 12/1-30 Tue 5-8pm, Wed-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm FREE Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr (415) 556-9870

CCSF Holiday Exhibition & Sale The 26th annual exhibition features works of art by CCSF students & faculty. All media are represented: painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, photography, printmaking, mixed media, & textiles. Opening reception 12/1 Fri 6-9pm, 12/2&3 Sat&Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm City College of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus Bldg B (415) 561-1840

Festa Dei Dolci Italiani The Museo ItaloAmericano celebrates the holidays w/a party featuring a splendid array of pastries, cakes, candies, cheeses, fine wines, & raffle gifts. 7-9pm $25 Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C (415) 673-2200

Playwrights' Center Of SF Meetings for new & experienced playwrights. Informal discussions & staged readings of members' works in progress, followed by audience critique. 12/1 Scene Night workshop, 12/8&15 staged readings. 12/1-15 Fri 7:30pm $5 Blue Bear Performance Hall Bldg D www.playwrights.org (415) 626-4603

Bay Area Theatresports Tournament Of Champions Teams compete in championship play ending 12/2. 10/6-12/2 Fri&Sat 8pm (no shows 11/24 &25) $10 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

The Importance Of Being Earnest Students from the American Conservatory Theater's MFA program perform Oscar Wilde's 1895 satire on Victorian manners, in repertory w/George Farquhars' *The Beaux' Stratagem* (see 12/8). 12/1-15: 12/1 &2 Fri&Sat 8pm, 12/3&10 Sun 2pm (12/10 Sun also 7pm), 12/11 Mon 8pm, 12/14&15 Thur&Fri 8pm $10-$5 Magic Theatre Bldg D www.act-sfbay.org (415) 749-2ACT
Audience Exchange Discussion follows the performance. 12/10 Sun 7pm

Nancy Karp + Dancers *Kalasam,* a new evening-length collaborative work. Choreographer Nancy Karp & composer Paul Dresher explore the possibilities of Kathakali dance-drama from India. 11/30-12/2 Thur-Sat 8pm $24-$15 (11/30 Opening Night Gala $100-$35) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 441-FMTS ●

Plays At The Border The Magic Theatre explores the intersection of cultures in this festival of staged readings & workshop productions by an international group of playwrights. 11/30-12/10 $15-$10 FMC "Friends" $2 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822 ●
Wonderland Chay Yew explores the hopes & dreams of new immigrants, & the identity crisis faced by their children. Staged reading. 11/30 Thur 8:30pm, 12/10 Sun 7:30pm
Waiting Room Germany/Wartesaal Deutschland Klaus Pohl based his play on a series of interviews w/Germans from both sides of the Iron Curtain. Workshop production. 12/1-10 Fri & Sat 8:30pm, Sun 2:30pm
Panel Discussion The featured playwrights discuss the festival's theme. A reception follows. 12/3 Sun 5:30pm FREE
Arrivals & Departures Rogelio Martinez looks at two brothers—one who left Cuba for the United States & one who stayed—who turn their experiences into novels. Staged reading. 12/3&7 Sun 7:30pm, Thur 8:30pm
The Hungry Woman: A Mexican Medea Cherrie Moraga reimagines the Greek tragedy in a near-future United States divided into "Gringolandia" & "Aztlán." Staged reading. 12/4 Mon 8:30pm

BATS In The Attic: Late Night Series Bay Area Theatresports' late-night series of special-format improv shows. 12/1-15 Fri&Sat 10:30pm (no show 12/8) $7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●
New Bards Of Avon A completely improvised Shakespearean tale. 12/1 Fri
That Time Of The Month Again All-women improv. 12/2 Sat
Musical Graffiti High school prom nights to remember. Enough nostalgia to light up a small American town. 12/9 Sat
Hot Buttered Improv Tasty morsels of 100% Real Improv. Stories w/salty characters & positive energy, guaranteed fresh every time. 12/15 Fri

2 SATURDAY

Hand Crafted Jewelry & Accessories Featuring *handmade necklaces, bracelets, earrings, & hair pins in Austrian crystal, semi-precious stones,* & sterling silver. Unique hair accessories from a local designer. Imported silk, velvet, & pashmina scarfs & shawls. 12/2&3 Sat&Sun 9:30am-3:30pm FREE adm FMC "Friends" 10% off $100 or more in purchases Bldg A blossom.safeshopper.com (415) 750-9297 ●

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Coffee served. 12/2-31 Sat 9:30-10:30am, Sun 8-9pm FREE Bldg C (415) 621-1326

Women Of Craft...Out Of Bounds Artists Sonya Lee Barrington, Beverly Prevost, & Merryll Saylan exhibit handmade pieces: Barrington hand-dyed cotton original quilts; Prevost artful & functional ceramics; Saylan wood plates, platters, bowls, & sculpture. 12/2&3 Sat&Sun 10am-5pm FREE adm Gatehouse (415) 221-6510

Celebration Of Craftswomen The nation's largest juried women's crafts fair returns for two weekend sales of original handcrafted work. Each weekend features a new group of 135 artists. Presented by & benefits the SF Women's Building. 12/2-10 Sat&Sun 10am-6pm $7-$5, children under 12 FREE FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Herbst Pavilion www.miramarevents.com/craftswomen (415) 383-3470 ●

Gestalt Therapy: Art & Aesthetics Master gestalt therapist Joseph Zinker leads a unique experience exploring the creative process. Participants use paint, charcoal, music, & movement as artmaking pathways to discover their own aesthetic & the aesthetics of gestalt practice. 12/2&3 Sat&Sun 10am-6pm $300 res. rec. Bldg C www.gestaltinstitute.com (415) 642-4646

Peter Pan Let your imagination soar in this children's theater story of Wendy, John, Michael, Tinker Bell, & Peter as they travel to Neverland. 12/2-17 Sat&Sun 1&3:30pm (also 12/18-20 Mon-Wed 1&3:30pm) $8-$5 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550 ●

Golden West Women Flyfishers Biennial fundraiser, a chance for members to socialize & enjoy good food. The event benefits the Urban In-School Aquatic Project, a program for low-income students to raise & release fish in a stream they adopt & clean. 6-10pm $35, $30 adv Bldg A www.melkrieger.com (415) 752-0192

Montage-A-Thon ImprovWorks presents a night of improv madness, food, fund-raising, games, & prizes. Open to fans from all walks of life. 7:30-11pm FREE (donations accepted) res. rec. Bldg C (415) 885-5678

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
CCSF Holiday Exhibition & Sale see 12/1
Bay Area Theatresports Tournament Of Champions see 12/1 ●
The Importance Of Being Earnest see 12/1
Nancy Karp + Dancers see 12/1 ●
Plays At The Border see 12/1 ●
BATS In The Attic see 12/1 ●

3 SUNDAY

Food Addicts Anonymous Meeting of 12-step program for people w/eating disorders. 12/3-31 Sun 9-10:30am FREE Bldg C (415) 453-1999

RISD Alumni Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale Alumni from the Rhode Island School of Design, the preeminent art & design school in the nation, present their annual holiday sale. Works include handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, wearable art, ornaments, home accessories, paintings, drawings, prints, cards, & books. 10am-6pm FREE Bldg A (415) 771-1905

Common Sites, Multiple Visions "Caustic Whisper" by Kathleen McNamara see 12/9

MOCFA Holiday Fund-raiser The Museum of Craft & Folk Art presents an auction of 80 ceramics from noted collector Dixon Long. The objects—American, Japanese, & British pots in various price ranges—may be previewed during museum hours on Saturday & Sunday. 5-7pm $50 (may be applied towards purchase) Museum of Craft & Folk Art Bldg A www.mocfa.org (415) 771-0991

Bay Area Theatresports: Sunday Players A troupe of recent BATS School of Improv graduates performs Theatresports-style competition, pitting three teams of improvisers against each other. 12/3-17 Sun 8pm $7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv. org (415) 474-8935 ●

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
CCSF Holiday Exhibition & Sale see 12/1
The Importance Of Being Earnest see 12/1
Plays At The Border see 12/1 ●
Hand Crafted Jewelry & Accessories see 12/2 ●
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
Women Of Craft...Out Of Bounds see 12/2
Celebration Of Craftswomen see 12/2 ●
Gestalt Therapy: Art & Aesthetics see 12/2
Peter Pan see 12/2 ●

4 MONDAY

Voices Of Healing Story Circle Join others w/life-challenging illnesses & share experiences of healing that go beyond support for body, soul, heart, & mind. 5:30-7:30pm FREE Gatehouse (415) 389-8968

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
Plays At The Border see 12/1 ●

5 TUESDAY

Pacific Rim Wine Education Center Regional Series Taste a different regional wine each week. 10/3-12/19 Tue 7pm: 12/5 Central Coast $55, 12/12 Burgundy $85, 12/19 non-California U.S. wines $50. $495/series, $895/couple Bldgs C/D www.pacrimwine.org (415) 512-9318

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1

6 WEDNESDAY

First Wednesday At Fort Mason Museums & galleries stay open late & admission is FREE Noon-7pm (415) 441-3400 see Galleries
The Mexican Museum "Chicanos en Mictlán: Día de los Muertos in California" Bldg D
Museo ItaloAmericano "Beniamino Bufano: A Retrospective" Bldg C
Museum Of Craft & Folk Art "Contemporary Craft Perspectives" (reception 5-7pm) Bldg A
SF African American Historical & Cultural Society "Black Artist: Creations 2000" Bldg C
SFMOMA Rental Gallery "Creatures & Critters" & "Leta Ramos" (reception 5:30-7:30pm). Bldg A

Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Docent Tours of current exhibits. 12/6 Wed & 12/8 Fri 1:30pm, 12/16 Sat 11:30am FREE w/adm Bldg A www.mocfa.org (415) 775-0991

Art Law Workshops California Lawyers for the Arts' ongoing lecture series features industry professionals on a variety of issues faced by today's artist. This month's lecture, "Year-End Tax Planning," covers end-of-the-year strategies to put artists in a better position when filing. 7-8:30pm $15 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card California Lawyers for the Arts Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200 ●

What Makes Bordeaux Great Drink Great Wine hosts a lecture on the famous French grape. Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein discusses Bordeaux classification, permitted grape varieties, the Left Bank & Right Bank zones, & vineyard districts. Tasting & review of ten Bordeaux wines from renowned chateaux. 6:45-9pm res. req. $60 Bldg A www.drinkgreatwine.com (415) 721-4222

San Francisco Travelers' Circle Monthly informal gathering of independent travelers sharing tips, stories, & dreams of global adventure over a cup of coffee in Café Franco. 7-8:30pm FREE Hostelling International/Fisherman's Wharf Upper Fort Mason Bldg 240 www.norcalhostels.org (415) 771-7277, ext. 4

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
The Importance Of Being Earnest see 12/1

7 THURSDAY

Light Up The Sky For Naomi Newman's 70th A galaxy of stellar performers celebrates Naomi Newman, internationally recognized playwright & founding member of A Traveling Jewish Theater. 7:30pm $70-$36 FMC "Friends" $45 w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 399-1809 ext. 301 ●

Bay Area Theatresports: The Belfry Players Any improv show has a chance to be a disaster. This time it's guaranteed, as this troupe performs "Super Train: The Maiden Voyage." 11/2-12/14 Thur 8pm (no show 11/23) $7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Plays At The Border see 12/1

8 FRIDAY

BATS Backstage Musical Inspired by the film *Waiting for Guffman,* this improvised musical format follows a small-town Community Theater troupe as it rehearses an original musical written by the director & the audience. 8pm $12 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

The Beaux' Stratagem Students from the American Conservatory Theater's MFA program perform the 1707 George Farquhars satire on Victorian manners, in repertory w/Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* (see 12/1). 12/8-17: 12/8&9 Fri&Sat 8pm, 12/12&13 Tue&Wed 8pm, 12/16 Sat 2&8pm, 12/17 Sun 2&7pm, 12/18 Mon 8pm $10-$5 Magic Theatre Bldg D www.act-sfbay.org (415) 749-2ACT
Audience Exchange Discussion follows the performance. 12/17 Sun 7pm

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Playwrights' Center Of SF see 12/1
Plays At The Border see 12/1 ●
Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Tour see 12/6

9 SATURDAY

Fort Mason Center Tour Take a guided walk through this cultural & recreational facility, home to 40 arts, environmental & cultural nonprofit organizations. Museums, theaters, galleries, classes & workshops utilize these converted military warehouses. One tour this month 12/9 Sat 11am-12:30pm FREE res. req. (call to reserve tour space) Bldg A (415) 441-3400

ArtVibe: Wearable, Functional, & Visual Arts A group of cutting-edge artists & craftspeople exhibits new works for sale: precious metal clay jewelry, furniture, & textiles to photography, painting, clothing, & more. 12/9&10 Sat 10am-6:30pm, Sun 10am-3pm FREE adm Bldg A www.precieux.com (415) 920-9439

Common Sites, Multiple Visions Ten artists present an exhibit & sale of landscape paintings & drawings of favorite sites in the SF Bay Area. The group—Rita Adelman, Patricia Brown, Paula J. Clark, Maeve Croghan, Lem Dozier, Florence Harlan-Schwartz, Bernice Howard, Kathleen McNamara, Jess McVey, & Johnny Szeto—has painted together for eight years. 12/9&10 Sat&Sun 11am-6pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 252-1564

BATS Hollywood Canteen Set during WWII, this improvised sketch follows a group of Hollywood performers as they provide holiday cheer for our boys & girls in uniform. Starlets! Actors! Shoulder pads! Oh my! 8pm $12 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

City Ballet School: Selections From The Nutcracker Students from the Bay Area Youth Ballet perform the holiday classic. 12/9&10 Sat 2&8pm, Sun 2pm $20 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) 626-8878 ●

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Plays At The Border see 12/1 ●
BATS In The Attic see 12/1 ●
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
Celebration Of Craftswomen see 12/2 ●
Peter Pan see 12/2 ●
The Beaux' Stratagem see 12/8

10 SUNDAY

SAIC Day The School of the Art Institute of Chicago invites prospective undergraduate/graduate applicants to hear a presentation on the school's programs, & to speak w/staff & faculty. Noon-3pm FREE Gatehouse/Firehouse (800) 232-7242

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/1

SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Plays At The Border see 12/1 ●

11 MONDAY

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
The Importance Of Being Earnest see 12/1

12 TUESDAY

Jump-Start Your Career In The Computer Field Network Data Solutions offers a free seminar introducing careers in networking. Find out how to become a certified network engineer using Cisco & Microsoft systems. 8-10pm Gatehouse FREE www.n-d-s.com (415) 863-1142

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Pacific Rim Wine Education Center see 12/5
The Beaux' Stratagem see 12/8

13 WEDNESDAY

Prostate Cancer Support Group The Prostate Awareness Foundation integrates diet, vitamins, & exercise w/more traditional approaches to the healing of prostate cancer. Survivors & their families are invited to explore the alternatives. 7:15-9:45pm FREE Gatehouse (415) 564-9642

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
The Beaux' Stratagem see 12/8

14 THURSDAY

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
The Importance Of Being Earnest see 12/1
BATS: The Belfry Players see 12/7 ●

15 FRIDAY

BATS Improvised Shakespeare: The Musical Bay Area Theatresports takes on the Bard, improv-style, in a Shakespearian musical play in the tradition of *Kiss Me Kate!* 8pm $12 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

Coastside Habitat Solstice Party Annual event celebrates endangered species & honors their struggle for survival. Live music, food, & drink, in appreciation of those in the community who help to protect the Bay Area's native plants & animals. 6-9pm $10 FMC "Friends" $2 off w/mbrs card Firehouse (415) 267-1866 ●

Sweet & Soulful Christmas Party Celebrate an African American–themed Christmas party w/live music, dancing, & comedy. The evening features a Champagne Buffet (Christmas dinner & champagne), jazz, blues, & R&B music, comedians Jared Walton & Charlie Sides, & the Sunday Blues & Jazz Club Dancers. 7pm-midnight $50, $35 adv Bldg A www.DeVoine.com (415) 292-5157

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
A Little Bit Of Italy In San Francisco see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Playwrights' Center Of SF see 12/1
The Importance Of Being Earnest see 12/1
BATS In The Attic see 12/1 ●

16 SATURDAY

Christmas/Kwanzaa Sale The SF African American Historical & Cultural Society holds a special sale of African-themed items, as well as many of the pieces on display in the current exhibit, "Black Artist: Creations 2000." 4-7pm FREE adm SF African American Historical & Cultural Society Bldg C (415) 441-0460

Psychic Healing Fair Psychic Horizons offers healings & readings on a variety of personal issues, including relationships, health, & career. 1-3pm FREE Bldg C www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

Annual Pottery Sale The 15 professional potters from Ruby's Clay Studio & Gallery present a one-day sale of functional & sculptural pieces including teapots, saki sets, fish platters, animal figures, & more. 10am-4pm FREE adm Bldg A www.rubysclaystudio.org (415) 469-7850

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
Peter Pan see 12/2 ●
Museum Of Craft & Folk Art Tour see 12/6
The Beaux' Stratagem see 12/8

17 SUNDAY

Fund For Animals People Party Annual holiday party for all friends of animals. Booths, entertainment, vegan potluck dinner. 1-6pm FREE Bldg C (415) 474-4020

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
Peter Pan see 12/2 ●
Food Addicts Anonymous see 12/3
BATS: Sunday Players see 12/3 ●
The Beaux' Stratagem see 12/8

18 MONDAY

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
The Beaux' Stratagem see 12/8

19 TUESDAY

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Pacific Rim Wine Education Center see 12/5

20 WEDNESDAY

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
New Pickle Circus Opening Gala see 12/21 ●

21 THURSDAY

New Pickle Circus: Tetrasomia Empedocles' doctrine of the four elements provides the inspiration for the Pickles' new production. Acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, & contortionists enact earth, air, fire, & water, while the Pickle's famous clowns portray man's comic attempts to control these forces of nature. 12/21-1/1/01: 12/21-23 Thur&Fri 7:30pm, Sat 2&7:30pm; 12/26-1/1/01 Tue-Sat 2 & 7:30pm (no matinee 12/28 Thur), Sun&Mon 2pm $22-$10 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.tickets.com (415) 392-4400 ●
Opening Night Gala Benefit gala for the School of Circus Arts, 12/20 Wed 6pm Gala Bldg A, 7:30pm performance Cowell Theater $75-$50

Bay Area Theatresports: Holiday Huzzah! An improvised holiday celebration w/songs & scenes based on audience suggestions. 8pm $7 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935 ●

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1

22 FRIDAY

The Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot see 12/1
Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●

23 SATURDAY

Duke Ellington Society Monthly gathering features music, readings, & lectures on jazz & the legacy of Duke Ellington. The Bay Area chapter was founded in 1997. 5:30-8:30pm $5 Bldg C hometown.aol.com/michaelscribe (415) 563-5458

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
SF African American Gift Shop see 12/1 ●
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●

24 SUNDAY

Holiday Gift Shop see 12/1
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
Food Addicts Anonymous see 12/3

25 MONDAY

Merry Christmas!

26 TUESDAY

National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●

WEDNESDAY

***Book Bay Bookstore** see 12/1*
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●

28 THURSDAY

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●

29 FRIDAY

Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale The 22nd SF New Year's Antiques Show features 85 prestigious dealers & their vast variety of fine art, furniture, heirloom jewelry, vintage timepieces, porcelain, bronze, silver, crystal, folk art, & more. Items represent many eras & come from all over the world. 12/29-1/1/01 Fri&Sat 11am-7pm, Sun & Mon 11am-5pm $6-$3 Festival Pavilion www.bustamante-shows.com (209) 358-3134

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
National Maritime Museum Library see 12/1
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●

30 SATURDAY

Book Bay Bookstore see 12/1
Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●
Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale see 12/29

31 SUNDAY

Big Fat Year-End Kiss-Off Comedy Show Will Durst, local comedian, political pundit, & host of "Livelyhood" on PBS, holds his annual year in review show. Joining him are Bay TV's "The Show" co-host Johnny Steele, improvisational wizards Debi Durst & Michael Bossier, Ken Sonkin the Magic Mime, & the irreverent Steve Kravitz. 7pm ($20) & 10pm ($35) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater (415) NO-LUNCH or (415) 441-FMTS ●

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/2
Food Addicts Anonymous see 12/3
New Pickle Circus see 12/21 ●
Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale see 12/29

● Friends of the Fort Discount

www.fortmason.org

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Camp Manners For Children Through music, puppets, role-playing, & storytelling, this innovative after-school program helps kids develop character & confidence, interact in a positive way & learn the skills necessary for everyday situations. Current session 9/18-12/13 $225/course; late enrollment is possible (next session is 1/8-3/26/01 Mon&Wed 2-2:45 & 3-3:45, ages 4-6 only) Gatehouse/Bldg C (415) 668-CAMP
Ages 4-6 Years Mon 4-5pm
Ages 5-7 Years Wed 3-4pm
Ages 7-8 Years Wed 4-5pm

Jing Mo Athletic Assn. Traditional gung-fu hand forms & weapons for exercise/self-defense. Adults & children. 12/1-15 Fri 6:30-9pm $36-$26/mo Bldg C (415) 661-8346

Kindermusik With Miss Joanne Classes for children from birth to 7. Age-appropriate instruction in rhythm, melody, listening, & movement. Current session 9/5-12/13 late enrollment is possible. Next session begins 1/16/01 Bldgs C/D (415) 447-8951
Under 18 Months Tue&Wed 11:30am-12:15pm, Thur 10:45-11:30 $120/8wks
Ages 1½-4 Years Tue-Thur 10-10:30am, Wed 10:45-11:15am $180/15wks
Ages 3½-5 Years Tue 10:45-11:30am $225/15wks

SF Children's Art Center Classes for children 27 months to 10 years in collage, drawing, painting, printmaking, clay, sculpture, & photography. Available for art birthday parties. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Young Performers Theatre Dramatic arts classes & productions for children ages 3 & up. Performances $8-$5 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550 ●
Theater Arts Academy Classes Ongoing acting classes for children. $225-$135
Peter Pan Let your imagination soar in this children's theater story of Wendy, John, Michael, Tinker Bell, & Peter as they travel to Neverland. 12/2-17 Sat&Sun 1&3:30pm (also 12/18-20 Mon-Wed 1&3:30pm)

PERFORMING ARTS

Bay Area Theatresports™ Classes & workshops in improv & stage work. Performances (see calendar). FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card. BATS Center for Improvisational Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776 ●

Blue Bear School Of American Music Private lessons, group classes & band workshops in Rock, Jazz, Blues, Soul & other popular music styles; instrument/voice, all ages/levels, day/evening. Call for free catalog. Bldg D www.bluebearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

Improvisational Open Workshop James Cranna offers a weekly open workshop stressing basic improvisational skills. 12/2-30 Sat 1-4pm $7/session Bldg C (415) 453-9092

ImprovWorks Improvisation training in a non-competitive, playful atmosphere. Fall performances by students & alumni. New workshops begin January 2001 Bldgs C&D www.improvworks.citysearch.com (415) 885-5678
Basics Of Improvisation Learn the essential skills of improvisation. Playful & eye-opening for everyone. 10/31-12/5 Tue 7-9:30pm $210/course
Montage-A-Thon A night of improv madness, fund-raising, games, & prizes for fans from all walks of life. 12/2 Sat 7:30-11pm (donations accepted)

Performing Arts Workshop places performing artists in schools on residency programs & offers workshops & resource materials to educators & artists at school sites. Internships available. Bldg C www.pawsf.org (415) 673-2634

Playwrights' Center Of SF Group discussions & staged readings of members' original works in progress, followed by audience critique. 12/1 Scene Night workshop, 12/8&15 staged readings. 12/1-15 Fri 7:30pm $5 Blue Bear Performance Hall Bldg D www.playwrights.org (415) 626-4603

MARTIAL ARTS

Chinese Martial Arts W/Jack Man Wong Tai Chi & Northern Shaolin for robust health, high spirits, rational thinking & self-defense. 12/3-27 Wed 5:30-7:30pm, Sun 10am-Noon (no class 12/24) $40/mo Bldg C (510) 261-7105

Cloud Hands West Tai Chi practice, all levels welcome. 12/2-30 Sat 8:30-10am $10/mo Bldg C (415) 499-1561

Guang Ping Yang Tai Chi A powerful & rare form, taught by Donald Rubbo, president of Guang Ping Yang Tai Chi Assoc. 12/5-26 Tue 6-7:30pm $50/mo Bldg C (415) 456-9095

Jing Mo Athletic Assn. Traditional gung-fu hand forms & weapons for exercise/self-defense. Adults & children. 12/1-15 Fri 6:30-9pm $36-$26/mo Bldg C (415) 661-8346

Original Chen Style Taiji Gene Chen teaches relaxation from stress, self-defense against sickness & dangerous attacks, & balance for mind & body. 12/5-28 Tue&Thur $75-$65/mo Bldg C (415) 759-9032 or (650) 754-0683

Shaolin Temple & Wudang Mountain Gung Fu Martial art, physical conditioning, internal exercise & meditation. 12/1-29 Tue&Thur 6-7:30pm, Fri 7-8:30pm $55/mo Bldg C (415) 564-9282

Tai Chi Morning Workout Reduce stress & improve health, w/emphasis on balance & centering. Excellent for beginners, taught by certified instructor Zach Ma. 12/5-28 Tue&Thur (no class 12/26) 8:30-9:30am $40/mo Bldg C (650) 755-2661

Wing Tsun Kung Fu/Escrima Wing Tsun is self-defense w/common sense. Effective, natural, & practical art promotes inner growth & a relaxed & healthy life. Also Filipino martial art of Escrima. 12/2-30 Wing Tsun: Tue 9-10:30am, Thur 7:30-9pm, Sat 11:30am-1pm; Escrima: Thur 6-7:30pm, Sat 10-11:30am Bldg C $75-$50/mo www.sfbaywingtsun.com (415) 924-7753

Yi Chuan Gung Fu: Buddhist Chi Gung Master Cheuk Fung teaches traditional Gung Fu for health, healing & martial arts ability. 12/5-28 Tue & Thur (no class 12/26) $80/mo Bldg C (510) 352-1263

HEALTH & RECREATION

Aesclepion Healing Center Trance medium healing. Bldg C/Gatehouse www.aesclepion.org (415) 453-6196
Clairvoyant Reading Students in training do aura readings. 12/1-22 Fri 7:30-9:30pm (no session 12/8) $20/session res. req.
Healing Clinic Open to the public. Anyone can receive a spiritual healing, whether they have a physical illness or not. 12/1-22 Fri 7:30-9:30pm (no session 12/8) FREE

CCSF Continuing Education Classes for vocational & recreational needs. Call for a free catalog. Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 12/25-1/2/01) Bldg B www.ccsf.org/Continuing_Education (415) 561-1840
Pilates Continued 10/25-12/6 Wed 5:30-7pm $75/course

Active Imagination Embodied "Active Movement" is a form of C.G. Jung's Active Imagination, allowing individuals to reinhabit their bodies & engage in a creative exchange w/the pscyhe. This workshop integrates historical & theoretical material w/experiential work. No experience necessary—only curiosity, respect, & openness to the unknown. Presented by the C.G. Jung Institute's continuing education program. 12/9 Sat 7:30-9:30pm $125 FMC "Friends" $15 off w/mbrs card Firehouse (415) 771-8080 ●

Defending Ourselves Safety/self-defense classes for men, women, children, & community groups: safety awareness, danger assessment, strategies to avoid assaults, verbal assertiveness, maneuvering skills under stress, physical techniques & response to weapon threats. 12/4-20 Mon 6:30-9:30pm, Tue&Wed 6-9:30pm $10/hr Bldgs C&D www.selfdefenseschool.com (415) 979-8778

Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement Pleasurable & easy to follow. Relieve muscle tension; improve flexibility & posture. 12/4-18 Mon 6-7pm $10/class Bldg C (415) 885-1528

Gentle Power Aerobics Low-impact conditioning for people over 40. Get strong, unstressed & centered. Ongoing class. 12/1-29 Mon-Fri 9:30-10:30am (no classes 12/25&26) $6.50-$5.50/class Bldg C (415) 389-8249

Gestalt Therapy: Art & Aesthetics Master gestalt therapist Joseph Zinker leads a unique experience exploring the creative process. Participants use paint, charcoal, music, & movement as artmaking pathways to discover their own aesthetic & the aesthetics of gestalt practice. 12/2&3 Sat&Sun 10am-6pm $300 res. rec. Bldg C www.gestaltinstitute.com (415) 642-4646

Greek Folk Dance Learn the basic popular Greek folk dances so that you can enjoy dancing at the Greek Church festivals throughout the Bay Area. It's like exercise to Greek music. Ongoing class, drop-ins welcome. 12/4-18 Mon 8-10pm $13-$10/class Bldg C (510) 530-5140

Institute Of Classical Homeopathy Four-year program of courses & study sessions on professional practice of Hahnemannian theory. Sept-June various days/times Bldgs C&D (707) 963-7796

Liebovian Hypnosis For Smokers Stop smoking now! Hypnotist Richard Liebow has helped hundreds break the habit in just one session. 12/7 Thur 6:30-9:30pm $60 Bldg C (415) 928-2851

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Traveling Companions Experience the magic of kayaking or rafting while contributing to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & disadvantaged youth. Scholarships available for special needs. Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

Oceanic Society conducts environmental education & sponsors research expeditions w/volunteers. Mon-Fri 8am-5pm (closed 12/25) Bldg E www.oceanic-society.org (415) 441-1106
Whale Watch Cruises Naturalist-led day cruises from Fort Mason head toward Point Reyes to witness the mighty gray whale migration & observe other coastal marine life. 12/26&30 Tue&Sat 9:30am-4pm, 1/26-5/13/01 Fri-Sun, select Mon 9:30am-4pm $52-$48/person res. req. group rates available Oceanic Society Bldg E (415) 474-3385

Sailing Education Adventures Community program affiliated w/US Sailing Assoc., providing affordable instruction in the art of sailing. Bldg E www.sailsea.org (415) 775-8779

SF Maritime Park Offices Mon-Fri 8am-4pm (closed 12/25) Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/local/lib/libtop.html (415) 556-1659
National Maritime Museum Library (J. Porter Shaw Maritime Library) Maritime history: books, magazines, oral histories, ships' plans & 250,000 photographs. Orientations by reservation; lectures. Tue 5-8pm, Wed-Fri 1-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm FREE (415) 556-9870

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

California Lawyers For The Arts Legal referrals & services for individuals & arts organizations. Workshops $15 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200 (workshops: ext. 2) ●
Copyright Clinics Twenty-minute private consultations w/a lawyer. Two Saturdays/mo (call for dates) 10am-12:30pm $20
Year-End Tax Planning A tax attorney covers end-of-the-year strategies to put artists in a better position when filing. 12/6 Wed 7-8:30pm $15

CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus Classes in drawing, design, painting, printmaking, picture framing, jewelry, textiles, sculpture, & ceramics. Call for a catalog. Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (office closed 12/25-1/2/01) Bldg B www.ccsf.org (415) 561-1840
Holiday Exhibition & Sale The 26th annual exhibition features works of art by CCSF students & faculty. All media are represented: painting, draw ng, sculpture, ceramics, photography, printmaking, mixed media, & textiles. Opening reception 12/1 Fri 6-9pm, 12/2&3 Sat&Sun 10am-6pm FREE adm

Western Public Radio Classes in all aspects of radio: production, technical, & broadcasting. Low-cost studio time available. Bldg D www.westernpublicradio.org (415) 771-1161

EDUCATION

CCSF Continuing Education Vocational & recreational classes. Offices Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 12/25-1/2/01) Bldg B www.ccsf.org/Continuing_Education (415) 561-1840

Improv Comedy Traffic School Laugh while you learn traffic safety. Two weekday evenings or all day weekends. 12/11&12 Mon&Tue 5:45-10pm or 12/6&7 or 12/20&21 Wed&Thur 5:45-10pm; also 12/2-16&30 Sat or 12/17 Sun 9am-5pm $35/course Bldgs C&D www.improv-ts.com (800) 775-LAFF

Computer Career Workshops by Network Data Solutions. Gatehouse www.n-d-s.com (415) 863-1142
Networking Your Small Business Or Home Learn to network your DSL or cable modem. 12/12 Tue 7-8pm FREE
Jump-Start Your Career In The Computer Field A free seminar introducing careers in networking. Find out how to become a certified network engineer using Cisco & Microsoft systems. 12/12 Tue 8-10pm FREE

Pacific Rim Wine Education Center Informal classes & courses on wine tasting. Bldgs C/D www.pacrimwine.org (415) 512-9318
Regional Series Taste a different regional wine each week. 12/5 Central Coast $55, 12/12 Burgundy $85, 12/19 non-California U.S. wines $50. 10/3-12/19 Tue 7pm $495/series, $895/couple, $85-$40/class

Rosemary's Review: A Comprehensive Bar Tutorial Intensive bar exam course focuses on preparation, organization, & writing skills for repeat takers or academically challenged students. 11/27-2/17/01 various days&times $3,700/course Bldg C (415) 441-9195

Sirius Puppy Training Puppy-friendly classes that produce people-friendly & mannerly adult dogs. 7/1-12/30 Sat 1-4pm $145/6wks Bldg C (510) 658-8588

● Friends of the Fort Discount

www.fortmason.org

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR MEETING SPACE?

FORT MASON CENTER has a wide variety of attractive and affordable facilities available for workshops, seminars, retreats, training and educational programs, performances, and special events.

Our facilities—the Conference Center, Firehouse, Herbst and Festival Pavilions, Cowell Theater, and meeting and activity rooms—are capable of handling groups from 5 to 5,000. You are welcome to make food service arrangements with a caterer of your choice.

Whether you are planning a large convention or trade show, a small meeting, or anything in between, Fort Mason Center's spectacular setting and reasonable rental rates make it an outstanding location for all events and activities. A professional staff accommodates your needs with an eye for detail and an attitude of excellence in personal and public service.

The **CONFERENCE CENTER** is conveniently located near the entrance to Fort Mason Center, commanding a magnificent view of the Marina and Golden Gate. This beautiful, fully carpeted facility totals more than 4,000 square feet. It includes one large room, with seating capacity of 300, a mid-size room for up to 80 people, and one breakout room with a seating capacity of 20.

CONFERENCE and **MEETING ROOMS** are easily adapted to whatever audio, visual, or seating set-up you need. An 8' x 16' stage is provided in the main room, and linen service is available.

Located at the northeast border of Fort Mason Center, the **FIREHOUSE** offers charming carpeted rooms, with track lighting and beautiful views of Alcatraz Island and the Bay. The large room seats 125; a smaller adjoining room seats 24. A space in the rear may be used as an additional breakout or service area.

The **HERBST** and **FESTIVAL PAVILIONS** are major exhibit and special event clear-span facilities for up to 5,000 people. The Pavilions are 30,000 and 50,000 square feet respectively, and are also available for trade shows, corporate receptions, and large fund-raising events.

The **COWELL THEATER**, with seating for 440, is fully equipped with sound and lighting systems, dressing rooms, a wardrobe room, and a projection/control booth. Situated at the north end of the Herbst Pavilion, with spectacular views of San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridges from the lobby area, the theater is suitable for performances, film showings, press conferences, lectures, meetings and seminars.

The thirteen **MEETING** and **ACTIVITY ROOMS** throughout the site accommodate from 5 to 99 participants at very reasonable rates. They are ideal for meetings, classes, rehearsals, retreats and seminars, or as breakout rooms for activities in other Fort Mason Center facilities.

THERE IS FREE PARKING on site and along the beautiful Marina Green, with easy accessibility from all directions. MUNI comes right to our front door.

Located between the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf on San Francisco's northern waterfront, Fort Mason Center is a unique blend of entertainment and education, open day and night, year-round. A National Historic Landmark and part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, it's the setting for more than 15,000 events each year.

Visit our web site **www.fortmason.org** to look at floorplans of the rental spaces. Call (415) 441-3400 for information, Monday through Saturday, from 9am to 5pm, or e-mail us at sales@fortmason.org.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robert J. Domrese, Chair
Francee Covington, Vice Chair
Mark Johnson, Vice Chair
Martin Quinn, Vice Chair & Treasurer
Fred A. Rodriguez, Secretary

Richard D. Beard
Neil D. Chaitin
Youn-Cha Shin Chey
Ivar Chhina
Belva Davis
Helene Fried
Jerry Goldberg
Tom Hale
David M. Hartley
Patti Heid
Tope Lawani
Janis R. MacKenzie
Joseph M. Maurer
Stan Moy
Marston Nauman
Laura King Pfaff
Joan-Marie Shelley
Elaine Thornburgh
Alicia Wang
William F. Wilkinson

Alexander Zwissler, Executive Director
Marc Kasky, Director Emeritus

FORT MASON CENTER

Fort Mason Foundation: office in Landmark Building A, open daily, 9am-5pm. (415) 441-3400, fax (415) 441-3405, e-mail contact@fortmason.org, sales@fortmason.org. Closed Sunday, December 24 and 31, and Monday, December 25.

Fort Mason Box Office: Cowell Theater entrance, middle pier, Fort Mason Ticket Service, (415) 441-FMTS. Open Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-3pm.

Event Information: 24-hour recorded message of information about Fort Mason Center activities and events, (415) 441-3400, ext. 3.

Founded in 1976

All events are presented through the cooperation of the Fort Mason Foundation.

Calendar design: Broom & Broom, Inc.

Printer: Howard Quinn Co.

Change of Address: Forward both old and new addresses, plus a copy of your most recent mailing label to: Calendar, Landmark Building A, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA 94123-1382

Fort Mason Center is wheelchair-accessible.

www.fortmason.org

RESIDENT DIRECTORY

Fort Mason Center houses about forty resident nonprofit organizations. These groups can provide you with information on printmaking, broadcasting, river rafting, theater, dance, marine ecosystems, copyrights, environmental research trips, and much more. Visit the offices to find out what services, speakers, classes, or trips these outstanding Bay Area groups have to offer.

BUILDING A

Fort Mason Foundation (415) 441-3400
Greens Restaurant (415) 771-6222
Greens-To-Go (415) 771-6330
Museum of Craft & Folk Art (415) 775-0990
SFMOMA Rental Gallery (415) 441-4777

BUILDING B

Bay Area Theatresports/Bayfront Theater (415) 474-6776 office, (415) 474-8935 box office
California Lawyers For The Arts: Arts Arbitration & Mediation Services (415) 775-7715
City College of San Francisco
Coffee Gallery (415) 561-1840
Continuing Education (415) 561-1860
Fort Mason Art Campus (415) 561-1840
Cooks & Company (415) 673-4137
Marine Exchange (415) 441-6600
Ploughshares Fund (415) 775-2244

BUILDING C

ArtHouse (415) 885-1194
Book Bay Bookstore (415) 771-1076
California Lawyers for the Arts (415) 775-7200
Chinese Cultural Productions/Lily Cai Chinese Dance Co. (415) 474-4829
Environmental Traveling Companions (415) 474-7662
Fund for Animals (415) 474-4020
Italian American Cultural Center (415) 673-2200
Museo ItaloAmericano (415) 673-2200
Performing Arts Workshop (415) 673-2634
SF African American Historical & Cultural Society (415) 441-0640
SF Children's Art Center (415) 771-0292
Tuolumne River Preservation Trust (415) 292-3531
Young Performers Theatre (415) 346-5550

BUILDING D

Blue Bear School of American Music (415) 673-3600
Friends & Foundation of the SF Public Library (415) 771-3777
Magic Theatre (415) 441-8001 office, (415) 441-8822 box office
Mexican Museum (415) 202-9700
Museum of Craft & Folk Art office (415) 775-0991
National Federation of Community Broadcasters (415) 771-1160
Radio Bilingüe (415) 674-0925
Western Public Radio (415) 771-1160
World Arts West (415) 474-3914

BUILDING E

Animal Fund (415) 775-4636
Endangered Species Project (415) 921-3140
Oceanic Society (415) 441-1106
Sailing Education Adventures (415) 775-8779
SF Maritime Park
Headquarters (415) 556-1659
Collections Storage Facility (415) 556-3797
Historic Documents Department (415) 556-9876
National Maritime Museum Library/J. Porter Shaw Library (415) 556-9870
Yacht Racing Assoc. of SF Bay (415) 771-9500

PIERS

WEST PIER
National Liberty Ship Memorial *SS Jeremiah O'Brien*, office (415) 441-3101
Resource Renewal Institute (415) 928-3774
Green Century Project
Water Heritage Trust

MIDDLE PIER
Bayfront Gallery, Cowell Theater, Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
Fort Mason Box Office (415) 441-FMTS

EAST PIER
Festival Pavilion (415) 441-3400

UPPER FORT MASON

Bay & Franklin Street entrance

BLDG. 1
Fort Mason Officers Club (415) 441-7700

BLDG. 9
A Home Away From Homelessness (415) 561-5533

BLDG. 35
SF Maritime National Park Association (415) 561-6662

BLDG. 111
SF Conservation Corps (415) 928-7322

BLDG. 201
Fort Mason Community Gardens (415) 247-8616
Golden Gate National Parks Association (415) 561-3000
Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Headquarters (415) 556-0560

BLDG. 240
Hostelling International/Fisherman's Wharf (415) 771-7277

FRIENDS OF THE FORT

Friends of the Fort Benefits

Individual—*Monthly Calendar • Friends card • Magic Theatre season subscription discount (late summer/early fall) • single-ticket discount for Magic Theatre, Young Performers Theatre, & selected performances at Bayfront & Cowell Theaters • 5% off sales at SFMOMA Rental Gallery • discounts on selected special events*

Bonus/Family—*All of the above + 2nd Friends card*

Participating—*All of the above + a tin of Fortnum & Mason's FortMason Tea*

Supporting— *All of the above + free fine art quality Special Event poster*

Donor—*All of the above + coupon for 2 tickets to a Cowell Theater performance*

"Take Your Seat" In The Cowell Theater
A special opportunity to play a part in the development of Fort Mason's Cowell Theater with commemorative seating.

Subscriber—*Cowell Theater Subscriber seat dedication + all Donor level benefits*

Patron—*Cowell Theater Patron seat dedication + all Subscriber level benefits*

Director—*Cowell Theater Director seat dedication + all Patron level benefits*

Producer—*Cowell Theater Producer seat dedication + all Director level benefits*

☐ ***NEW***
☐ ***RENEWAL***
☐ ***CHANGE OF ADDRESS***

Friends Memberships
☐ *INDIVIDUAL ($25)*
☐ *BONUS/FAMILY ($40)*
☐ *PARTICIPATING ($75)*
☐ *SUPPORTING ($125)*
☐ *DONOR ($275)*

Cowell Theater Commemorative Seating
☐ *SUBSCRIBER ($500)*
☐ *PATRON ($1,000)*
DIRECTOR ($2,000)
☐ *PRODUCER ($5,000)*

Checks payable to: ***Fort Mason Foundation***

All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Mail to: FORT MASON FOUNDATION, Landmark Building A, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA 94123-1382

Name

Address

City *State* *Zip*

Daytime Phone *E-mail Address*